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Five Years Later

The deleted Reddit time-travel story Oldmate promised to revisit

Five years ago, I stumbled across a Redditor who claimed a trip to a shop became a jump into their future, where an older niece said they had been dead for years. I set a reminder. Today it fired. The post was deleted, so I went digging through the internet.

Exactly 50 words.

The promise

Every source and link used in this investigation appears immediately after this opening. The final page contains a complete one-page TL;DR for anyone who wants the answer first.

THREAD	r/Glitch_in_the_Matrix - post ID pesdk6
REMINDER	Oldmate81 - !RemindMe 5 years
RECOVERED AUTHOR	u/genericuser2142 - account ID t2_5u7cjmlw
BOTTOM LINE	Account active in September 2024; status on 31 August 2026 unknown

SECTION 01

Sources and live links

All evidence links are placed up front and repeated by source key throughout the report.

The investigation uses a supplied screenshot, the surviving Reddit discussion, two Internet Archive captures, and machine-readable Reddit archive records. A source key in square brackets points back to this catalogue.

S1 **Oldmate's reminder screenshot**

The user-supplied image showing the deleted thread, tbochristopher's highlighted five-year reminder, and the RemindMeBot date.

S2 **Current Reddit thread**

The surviving discussion page for post pesdk6. The body is now marked as deleted, while many comments remain visible.

https://www.reddit.com/r/Glitch_in_the_Matrix/comments/pesdk6/i_may_have_time_traveled/

S3 **Earliest Internet Archive capture**

Captured at 2021-08-30 22:07:23 UTC, approximately twenty seconds after the archived creation timestamp. It preserves the original, unedited story.

https://web.archive.org/web/20210830220723/https://www.reddit.com/r/Glitch_in_the_Matrix/comments/pesdk6/i_may_have_time_traveled/

S4 **Later Internet Archive capture**

Captured on 2021-09-02. It preserves the username genericuser2142, the full story, and both author edits.

https://web.archive.org/web/20210902184332/https://www.reddit.com/r/Glitch_in_the_Matrix/comments/pesdk6/i_may_have_time_traveled/hbckogi/

S5 **Oldmate81's direct reminder comment**

The specific comment in which Oldmate81 asked RemindMeBot to return in five years.

https://www.reddit.com/r/Glitch_in_the_Matrix/comments/pesdk6/i_may_have_time_traveled/hb1gloo/

S6 **Archived post record**

Machine-readable record for post ID pesdk6, including title, creation time, edit time, score snapshot, comment count, and deletion status.

https://arctic-shift.photon-reddit.com/api/posts/ids?ids=pesdk6

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Sources and live links

S7	**Archived search for Oldmate81's comment** Machine-readable lookup confirming the body, timestamp, ID, and archived score of Oldmate81's reminder comment. https://arctic-shift.photon-reddit.com/api/comments/search?link_id=pesdk6&author=Oldmate81
S8	**Archived author summary** Account-level archive summary for genericuser2142, including the latest post and comment timestamps recorded for the same account ID. https://arctic-shift.photon-reddit.com/api/users/search?author=genericuser2142&limit=10
S9	**Archived latest posts by the recovered author** Descending post search used to verify that the same account posted on 2024-09-19. https://arctic-shift.photon-reddit.com/api/posts/search?author=genericuser2142&limit=15&sort=desc
S10	**Archived latest comments by the recovered author** Descending comment search used to verify the account's latest recorded comment on 2024-09-19. https://arctic-shift.photon-reddit.com/api/comments/search?author=genericuser2142&limit=15&sort=desc
S11	**Arctic Shift project documentation** Documentation for the public Reddit archive used for ID, author, post, and comment lookups. https://github.com/ArthurHeitmann/arctic_shift
S12	**Recovered Reddit profile link** A direct profile link for the archived username. The profile's current public availability may vary. https://www.reddit.com/user/genericuser2142/

Source-handling note

Archived timestamps and scores are snapshots, not guaranteed final totals. The raw archive links are included so another reader can inspect the records independently. No private identity was sought or inferred beyond the public pseudonymous account.

SECTION 02

The reminder that came back

The screenshot starts the story, but it does not show Oldmate's own comment.

What the screenshot shows

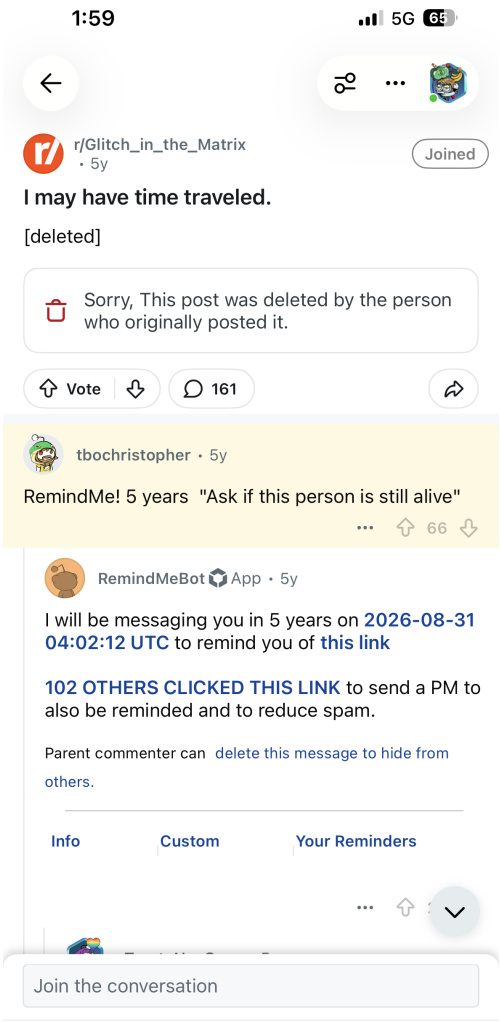
The thread title is I may have time traveled. The post body and author have been deleted. The highlighted comment belongs to tbochristopher, whose bot response promises a message on 2026-08-31 at 04:02:12 UTC. It also says 102 other users clicked the reminder link. [S1][S2]

The crucial distinction

Oldmate's own reminder appears elsewhere in the same thread. The archive records Oldmate81 posting `!RemindMe 5 years` on 2021-08-31 at 10:22:05 UTC. Its comment ID is `hb1gloo`, with an archived score of 23. [S5][S7]

Why this matters

The reminder was not merely inherited from someone else's bot request. Oldmate independently planted his own five-year time capsule in the thread, then received it on 31 August 2026.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Vote
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tbochristopher • 5y
RemindMe! 5 years "Ask if this person is still alive"
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I will be messaging you in 5 years on 2026-08-31 04:02:12 UTC to remind you of this link
102 OTHERS CLICKED THIS LINK to send a PM to also be reminded and to reduce spam.
Parent commenter can delete this message to hide from others.
Info
Custom
Your Reminders
Join the conversation

Figure 1. The reminder screenshot supplied by Oldmate. [S1]

The accidental time-travel joke

In 2021, Oldmate left a message for his future self about a stranger who claimed to visit the future. In 2026, that message arrived after the original story had vanished. The investigation therefore became a small, real act of communication across five years.

SECTION 03

The original deleted story

Recovered verbatim from the earliest capture; paragraph breaks added for readability.

The Internet Archive captured the page at 2021-08-30 22:07:23 UTC. The archived post record gives a creation time of 22:07:03 UTC. If those clocks are aligned, the full original was preserved approximately twenty seconds after publication, before there were any comments. [S3][S6]

ORIGINAL POST - SPELLING RETAINED

I had just gotten to the store and was walking through the door and i saw my 17 year old niece. This was odd because i had just left her at home with my wife(she was abandoned by her parents at the age of 13 and now lives with us).

I ran up to her and yelled “niece how did you get here so fast”. The young girl turns around to face me and her entire head was blurry. When it cleared up the person i was looking at was 100% without a doubt my niece but she was not 17 she was possibly in her mid 20s.

Confused i just apologized “I thought you were my niece”. At that money she turned pure white started crying hugged me and starts yelling “op op”. I asked “who are you” but instead a name she muttered softly “your dead”. The entire room went blurry as i hear her say “you have been dead for years”.

I wake up on the floor just inside the store. Security running towards me “are you ok” the greeter says I tripped. Im shook up and confused saying I didn’t trip so the guard offered to look at security footage.

The video shows me walking towards the door pick up speed raise my hand then the next frame my hand is down and im mid fall. As soon as i hit the floor i start moving to sit up. Its almost as if the split second i walked through the door I jumped forward maybe 5 years then got ripped back.

Source: [S3]

What happens in the account

The narrator sees an apparently older version of their seventeen-year-old niece, is told they have been dead for years, then returns to the shop floor. They say store footage showed a raised hand followed immediately by a fall, with no visible interaction with another person.

Preservation note

Obvious errors such as “At that money” and “your dead” are retained because this section is evidence, not a rewrite. The original appeared as one paragraph; only line breaks were added here.

SECTION 04

The edits and the author's follow-up

A later capture preserves the final additions and identifies the pseudonymous author.

By the later capture, Reddit's embedded page data names the author as genericuser2142 with account ID `t2_5u7cjmlw`. The post's archived edit timestamp is 2021-08-31 13:51:24 UTC. The later page contains two appended edits. [S4][S6]

EDIT ONE - VERBATIM

Edit: A lot of good ideas, and thank you for the concerns. Some answers to frequently commented points. I have been unconscious multiple times in the past from sedation for surgery, head injury, heat exhaustion. Never have i had dreams. I actually rarely ever dreamed and when I do its she same same dreams over and over again or very rarely i have lucid dreams that i can control. I don’t have the video it was from a security camera the store won’t share there footage without court order. This is to protect the business and the other customers privacy. If it was some form of glitch the fall would actually be after i came back to my normal time line or jumper to a parallel universe as some have suggested.

Source: [S4]

EDIT TWO - VERBATIM

Edit 2 i have an appointment with my doctor over zoom tomorrow.

Source: [S4]

SURVIVING OP COMMENT - VERBATIM

From the video they should me I wasn’t unconscious long if at all. My shoulder and face took most the impact.

Source: Archived comment record

Detail	What the author claimed	What is independently available
Store footage	The fall appeared nearly continuous, with a raised hand before the fall.	No copy of the footage was posted or recovered.
Loss of consciousness	The author believed it was extremely brief, if it happened at all.	No medical record or witness statement is available.
Prior experiences	They cited surgery sedation, head injury, and heat exhaustion without comparable dreams.	Self-report only.
Medical follow-up	They said a Zoom doctor appointment was scheduled for the next day.	No outcome was found in the thread or recovered edits.

SECTION 05

How the deleted post was recovered

A reproducible chain from screenshot to primary text.

1 Fingerprint the thread

The screenshot supplied the subreddit, exact title, age, reminder language, and visible commenter.

2 Resolve the Reddit URL

An exact-title search identified post ID pesdk6 and the surviving discussion page. [S2]

3 Use comments as scaffolding

Surviving replies revealed a niece, a fall, alleged security footage, a future death, and concern about a neurological event.

4 Query the Internet Archive index

The archive contained an earliest full-page capture and many later comment-page captures.

5 Extract the original page state

The earliest capture exposed the complete story in the rendered HTML. [S3]

6 Recover the author and edits

A later capture exposed the username, stable account ID, and both edits in Reddit's embedded page data. [S4]

7 Trace later account activity

Author and account-ID archive queries found activity through September 2024. [S8][S9][S10]

8 Separate evidence from inference

The result establishes archived account activity, not a medical diagnosis, literal time travel, or present-day life status.

Why the recovery is unusually strong

This is not a reconstruction based only on comments. The earliest archived page contains the actual original body, and the later page contains the author's edits and account metadata. The surviving replies are supporting context, not the source of the recovered wording.

SECTION 06

Evidence timeline

Dates are shown in UTC because Reddit and the archive records use UTC.

UTC date and time	Event	Evidence
2021-08-30 22:07:03	Post pesdk6 is created.	Archived post record [S6]
2021-08-30 22:07:23	Earliest Wayback capture preserves the unedited story, showing zero comments.	Earliest capture [S3]
2021-08-30 23:11:06	OP comments that the footage showed little or no unconscious time and that face and shoulder took the impact.	Archived OP comment
2021-08-31 04:02:12	RemindMeBot records tbochristopher's five-year reminder; 102 others later click it.	Screenshot and thread [S1][S2]
2021-08-31 10:22:05	Oldmate81 posts a separate five-year reminder.	Comment lookup [S5][S7]
2021-08-31 13:51:24	Archived metadata records the post edit time.	Post record [S6]
2021-09-02 18:43:32	Later page capture preserves username, story, and both edits.	Later capture [S4]
By 2022-06-25	Archive retrieval records the post body as deleted by the author.	Post record [S6]
2024-09-19 04:20:50	Latest archived post from the same username and account ID.	Author post search [S8][S9]
2024-09-19 04:45:12	Latest archived comment from the same account.	Author comment search [S8][S10]
2026-08-31	The five-year reminder arrives and Oldmate begins the recovery.	Oldmate's report and screenshot [S1]

The archived record later showed a score snapshot of 1,185, 164 comments, and four awards. Those figures describe the archive's retrieval moment, not necessarily the final totals before deletion. [S6]

SECTION 07

What the surviving discussion adds

The comments explain why hundreds of people wanted to return, but they do not verify the central claim.

Theme	What commenters said	Evidentiary value
Medical concern	Several commenters urged a CAT scan, MRI, or neurological assessment and suggested a seizure, hallucination, stroke, or head impact as possibilities.	Shows community concern only; no diagnosis was provided.
Security footage	Commenters repeatedly asked OP to obtain or record the footage. OP said the shop would not release it without a court order.	The claimed footage remains unavailable and cannot be checked.
Future death	The phrase “you have been dead for years” drove the five-year reminders and requests to see whether OP survived.	Explains the reminder; it is not a dated prediction.
Speculative theories	Replies proposed alternate universes, quantum immortality, a future vision, or the niece as the traveler.	Interpretation and entertainment, not corroboration.
Scepticism	Other replies called the story fabricated or questioned why no video was shared.	Highlights the central verification gap.

The five-year date was never a precise prophecy

OP wrote that it felt as though they jumped forward “maybe 5 years.” The older niece was described only as being in her mid-twenties rather than seventeen. No calendar date appeared in the vision. The exact 31 August 2026 deadline came from Reddit's reminder mechanism, not from the alleged event.

The current thread still contains the reminder chain, sceptical challenges, alternate-universe theories, and safety concerns. [S2]

SECTION 08

Was the original poster still alive?

The account trail supplies a partial answer, not a present-day confirmation.

What was recovered

The later Wayback capture ties the story to genericuser2142 and account ID `t2_5u7cjmlw`. The author archive summary reports 40 posts and 223 comments, with the last recorded post and comment both occurring on 19 September 2024. [S4][S8]

The strongest evidence

Record	Timestamp	Meaning
Latest archived post	2024-09-19 04:20:50 UTC	The same username and stable account ID were posting more than three years after the time-travel story. [S9]
Latest archived comment	2024-09-19 04:45:12 UTC	The account commented twenty-four minutes later. [S10]

Evidence-backed verdict

The same Reddit account was demonstrably active on 19 September 2024. It is therefore reasonable to infer that the person behind the account was alive then. No later archived activity was found, so their status on 31 August 2026 cannot be confirmed.

Why silence cannot answer the question

- A dormant Reddit account is common and does not imply death.
- A post can show the author as deleted because the post itself was deleted; that label alone does not prove the whole account was deleted.
- Archived account activity establishes use of the account, not the user's legal identity or physical condition.
- The account could have been abandoned, renamed, compromised, or used elsewhere beyond the archive's visibility.

SECTION 09

Evidence ledger and limitations

What can be stated confidently, what is inferred, and what remains unknowable.

Claim	Finding	Confidence	Basis
The original wording was recovered	Yes	**Very high**	Direct earliest page capture [S3]
The post author was genericuser2142	Yes, in archived page data	**Very high**	Later page capture and account ID [S4]
Oldmate81 set a five-year reminder	Yes	**Very high**	Direct comment and machine record [S5][S7]
The same account was active in September 2024	Yes	**Very high**	Author post, comment, and summary records [S8][S9][S10]
The same human still controlled the account	Likely, but unverified	**Moderate**	Stable account ID; no identity verification
The OP was alive in September 2024	Strong inference	**Moderate to high**	Contemporaneous account activity, assuming normal control
The OP is alive on 31 August 2026	Unknown	**No conclusion**	No later activity or direct confirmation found
The store footage existed as described	Unverified	**Low**	Author assertion only; no footage recovered
A medical event caused the experience	Possible, not diagnosed	**Unknown**	Commenter speculation and reported fall only
Literal time travel occurred	Not established	**No verifiable evidence**	Anecdotal account without corroborating footage or records

The responsible conclusion

The archive solves the deleted-post mystery and partially answers the reminder. It does not solve the experience itself. A recovered story can be authentic as a record of what someone wrote while the event it describes remains unverified.

SECTION 10

Share-ready framing

A clear way to present the discovery without overstating the evidence.

Recommended post title

Five Years Ago, I Set a Reminder to See if This Redditor Was Still Alive. It Went Off Today - So I Recovered Their Deleted Story.

This title keeps the hook, the five-year payoff, and the archival recovery while avoiding a claim that the OP has been confirmed alive or dead.

The story in plain English

A Redditor said they entered a shop, saw their seventeen-year-old niece as a woman in her mid-twenties, and heard her say they had been dead for years. They then found themselves on the floor. According to the post, shop footage showed them raise a hand and immediately fall, with no visible encounter. The author guessed they might have jumped five years forward and back.

What happened after

Commenters urged medical assessment, demanded the footage, argued about alternate realities, and planted five-year reminders. The author said a doctor appointment was booked but never posted a recoverable outcome. The story was later deleted. The same account continued posting until September 2024. [S2][S4][S8]

The clean closing line

CLOSING

The reminder did exactly what it promised: it brought us back five years later. The archive proved the storyteller survived online until 2024. After that, the trail goes cold - not supernatural, not conclusive, just unresolved.

Source: Research conclusion

Reader caution: This dossier documents public internet records and a pseudonymous anecdote. It should not be used to identify, contact, diagnose, or alarm the person behind the account.

THE PROMISED LAST PAGE

TL;DR

- In 2021, Reddit user genericuser2142 claimed they briefly saw an older niece who told them they had been dead for years, before they returned to a shop floor. [S3][S4]
- The post was later deleted, but the Internet Archive preserved the complete original approximately twenty seconds after publication, plus a later edited version. [S3][S4][S6]
- The author said security footage showed a raised hand followed almost immediately by a fall. No footage, medical result, or independent witness account was recovered.
- Oldmate81 independently commented `!RemindMe 5 years` on 31 August 2021. The reminder arrived on 31 August 2026. [S5][S7]
- The same Reddit username and stable account ID remained active until 19 September 2024. [S8][S9][S10]
- That makes it reasonable to say the OP was apparently alive in September 2024. It does not establish whether they are alive today.
- The five-year date was only OP's rough guess about the apparent jump. It was never a precise prediction of when they would die.
- The archival mystery is solved. The alleged time travel is not verified.

FINAL VERDICT	**Alive on the archival trail in 2024. Status in 2026 unknown.**

Primary links: original capture | edited capture | current thread